

Amendment to the Claims

- 1.(Currently Amended) A medicine bag printing apparatus ~~configured by an apparatus-~~
~~main body~~ comprising:
- _____ an apparatus main body;
- _____ a printing unit disposed in the apparatus main body, and including a medicine a unit main
body, at least one medicine bag cassette detachably attached thereto/detached therefrom to the
unit main body, the medicine bag cassette housing a plurality of medicine bags and supplying the
medicine bags one by one, a printing part operable to printprinting medicine information and an
image of a medicine on the medicine bag supplied from the medicine bag cassette, and a tray for
storing the medicine bags that have each been subjected to the printinga printing process by the
printing part such that a tip end of each medicine bag protrudes therefrom;
- _____ a holding section for holding the tip end of the medicine bag placed on the tray of the
printing unit; and
- _____ a carrying section for carrying the medicine bag, having the tip end held by the holding
section, out of the printing unit.

- 2.(Original) The medicine bag printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said holding
section operates based on a print completion signal indicative of completion of the printing
process performed on medicine bags for one patient by said printing part.

3.(Currently Amended) The medicine bag printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said printing ~~unit is~~unit can be horizontally pulled out from said apparatus main body in a direction perpendicular to a discharge direction of a medicine bag.

4.(Currently Amended) The medicine bag printing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said printing ~~unit is~~unit can be pulled out from said apparatus main body and, then, turns such that the medicine bag cassette is attached thereto/detached therefrom.

5. (Currently Amended) The medicine bag printing apparatus according claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of medicine bag supply units for producing medicine bags different in size from each other from medicine bag base paper wound around medicine bag rolls and, then, supplying the medicine bags thus produced;

a plurality of transfer sections for transferring the medicine bags supplied from the medicine bag supply units;

a plurality of printers for printing medicine information on the medicine bags transferred by the transfer sections; and

a plurality of carrying sections for carrying the medicine bags, subjected to the printing process by the printers, out of the printers.

6. (Currently Amended) The medicine bag printing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein each of said plurality of medicine bag supply ~~units is~~can be horizontally pulled out from ~~said apparatus~~the apparatus main body, and includes a locking device capable of locking said printing unit so as to prevent said printing unit from being pulled out from ~~said apparatus~~the apparatus main body when one of the plurality of medicine bag supply units is pulled out from the apparatus main body.

7. (Currently Amended) The medicine bag printing apparatus according claim 2, further comprising:

a plurality of medicine bag supply units for producing medicine bags different in size from each other from medicine bag base paper wound around medicine bag rolls and, then, supplying the medicine bags thus produced;

a plurality of transfer sections for transferring the medicine bags supplied from the medicine bag supply units;

a plurality of printers for printing medicine information on the medicine bags transferred by the transfer sections; and

a plurality of carrying sections for carrying the medicine bags, subjected to the printing process by the printers, out of the printers.

8. (Currently Amended) The medicine bag printing apparatus according claim 3, further comprising:

a plurality of medicine bag supply units for producing medicine bags different in size from each other from medicine bag base paper wound around medicine bag rolls and, then, supplying the medicine bags thus produced;

a plurality of transfer sections for transferring the medicine bags supplied from the medicine bag supply units;

a plurality of printers for printing medicine information on the medicine bags transferred by the transfer sections; and

a plurality of carrying sections for carrying the medicine bags, subjected to the printing process by the printers, out of the printers.

9. (Currently Amended) The medicine bag printing apparatus according claim 4, further comprising:

a plurality of medicine bag supply units for producing medicine bags different in size from each other from medicine bag base paper wound around medicine bag rolls and, then, supplying the medicine bags thus produced;

a plurality of transfer sections for transferring the medicine bags supplied from the medicine bag supply units;

a plurality of printers for printing medicine information on the medicine bags transferred by the transfer sections; and

a plurality of carrying sections for carrying the medicine bags, subjected to the printing process by the printers, out of the printers.

10. (New) The medicine bag printing apparatus according claim 1, wherein the discharge tray includes a support pedestal for supporting the medicine bags in such a manner that the tip ends of the medicine bags protrude therefrom in a slanted orientation.

11. (New) The medicine bag printing apparatus according claim 1, wherein the holding section comprises a conveyor part and a pressing roller part that is pivotally mounted relative to the conveyor part such that the pressing roller part is shiftable between a retreat position and a hold position at which the pressing roller part nips the tip ends of the medicine bags, supported on the discharge tray, in cooperation with the conveyor part.